Exhibit 1

Nadiya Chadha

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the SOUTHERN DISTRICT of NEW YORK

CHRISTA McAULIFFE INTERMEDIATE : SCHOOL PTO, et al. :

Plaintiffs

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-VS- : NO.

: 1:18:cv:11657(ER)

BILL de BLASIO, in his : (OTW)

official capacity as MAYOR of : NEW YORK CITY, et al. :

Defendants

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

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Zoom Video Conferencing virtual remote deposition of NADIYA HELAIFI-CHADHA, taken pursuant to notice, held in New York, New York, on Friday, April 23, 2021, beginning at 11:13 a.m., before Susan L. Singlar, Professional Court Reporter and Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there being present.

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1	questions?	
2	Α.	No.
3	Q.	What did you do to prepare for today's
4	deposition?	
5	Α.	I spoke with my lawyers here today.
6	Q.	Did you review any documents?
7	Α.	Yes.
8	Q.	Which documents did you review?
9	Α.	I reviewed my Affidavit in this case
10	and other rela	ated documents as part of this case.
11	Q.	Did you review the discovery documents,
12	any part of the discovery documents that defendants	
13	produced in the	his case?
14	Α.	Yes.
15	Q.	You're currently employed by the New
16	York City Dep	artment of Education; correct?
17	Α.	Yes.
18	Q.	I think in your Declaration you said
19	that you were	the director of Research and Policy at
20	the Office of	Student Enrollment.
21		Is that still true?
22	Α.	No.
23	Q.	What is your current position?
24	Α.	I'm the Senior Director for Strategic

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1	Affairs within the Office of Student Enrollments at	
2	the Department of Education.	
3	Q.	When did you start in that position?
4	Α.	In November of 2019.
5	Q.	And so before that you were the
6	director of Re	esearch and Policy; correct?
7	Α.	Correct.
8	Q.	In your position as the director of
9	Research and E	Policy, did you have any
10	responsibiliti	es related to admissions to the
11	specialized hi	gh schools?
12	Α.	Yes.
13	Q.	What were those?
14	Α.	I was responsible for analyzing and
15	computing offers for students each year and was	
16	responsible for the admissions process from start to	
17	finish for the specialized high schools.	
18	Q.	When did you start working at DOE?
19	Α.	In 2015.
20	Q.	Do you recall what month in 2015?
21	Α.	Yeah, in July.
22	Q.	So have you been responsible for
23	admissions to	the specialized high schools from 2015
24	through 2020?	

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1	definition ma	kes a pretty big difference?
2		Is she referring to the racial makeup
3	of the specia	lized schools?
4	Α.	I can't recall without looking at the
5	document agai	n.
6	Q.	Let's move down to page four of this
7	exhibit. Thi	s is an e-mail that you sent to Ms.
8	Murarka and L	ianna Wright.
9		Who is she?
10	Α.	She was my manager at the time. And
11	her title was	
12	Q.	Oh, they're just CCed. I'm sorry.
13	It's actually	addressed to Rob, but he's not on the
14	header.	
15		Who is Rob, do you recall?
16	Α.	Yeah. Rob was the chief executive
17	officer in my	office.
18	Q.	What was his full name?
19	Α.	Robert Sanft, Robert, R-O-B-E-R-T, last
20	name S-A-N-F-	т.
21	Q.	Thank you.
22		Can you read what you wrote there in
23	the first bul	let point?
24	Α.	As we mentioned, without significantly

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1	altering the disadvantaged definition, neither model
2	shows real change in the demographics at the SHS.
3	The small changes reflected in the memo are specific
4	to this year and don't reflect what could happen next
5	year given all the other initiatives.
6	Q. So would I be correct to say that you
7	were saying there that unless unless you change
8	the definition of disadvantage, expanding Discovery
9	on its own is not going to increase the percentage of
10	black and Hispanic students at the specialized
11	schools?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And can you read what you wrote there
14	in the second bullet point?
15	A. The third model is using a very narrow
16	definition of disadvantage, which, of course, can be
17	adjusted as makes sense. In our model, disadvantaged
18	students as derived as defined by FRL, STH, ELL
19	and had to also attend one of the top 50 percent of
20	schools in terms of economic need, ENI.
21	Q. When you said that it could be adjusted
22	as makes sense, what does makes sense mean in that
23	context?
24	What did you mean for the model to make

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1	going to	be ex	panded from its current size to
2	20 perce	ent of	seats at each of the specialized high
3	schools	over a	two-year period, as well as a change
4	to the d	disadva	ntaged definition requiring the student
5	to both	be ind	lividually disadvantaged and attend a
6	high-nee	eds mid	dle school in order to be eligible for
7	the prog	gram.	
8	Ç	2.	And what was the what was the
9	required	d ENI f	or a student to be eligible?
10	P	A.	At least 60 percent.
11	Ç	2.	And that was the ENI of their their
12	incoming	g schoo	l, either it would be their middle
13	school c	or a K	through 8?
14	A	<i>A</i> .	Correct.
15	Ç	2.	Did you model the affected the
16	expected	d racia	l effect of this policy change before
17	it was i	impleme	nted?
18	Z.	A .	Yes.
19	Ç	2.	I'm going to show you what has been
20	marked a	as Exhi	bit C. This is not confidential. I
21	believe	this w	as attached to your Declaration in
22	2019.		
23			Do you recall this?
24	P	A .	Yes.

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1	Q. What does this document show?
2	A. It shows part of my model, which
3	basically shows the demographics under the under
4	two actual scenarios, and then the model, which
5	which expanded the Discovery Program to 20 percent of
6	seats and have a 60 percent of ENI for the students.
7	Q. So you used the student data from the
8	the 2016 admission cycle that began in 2017;
9	correct?
10	A. Yes, the fall 2017 admissions.
11	Q. And how did you how did you conduct
12	how did you conduct the model or come up with the
13	predictions in the bottom row?
14	A. So essentially what I did was use
15	actual information about students who took that
16	year's exam and regenerated who would have been
17	invited to participate in the Discovery Program had
18	these rules been in effect that year.
19	Q. When you say invited to the Discovery
20	Program, does that mean that DOE had already
21	confirmed that those individuals were individually
22	disadvantaged?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Did DOE invite other people to the

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1	determine who those people are, even though you don't
2	have information for everyone on an individual level?
3	A. All right. So that's why this model
4	that's why this is a model and we included some
5	caveats when we were talking about it because we know
6	that even though all the students that we are
7	counting in this bottom row, the 5,215 students, many
8	of them might not actually participate in Discovery,
9	as well.
10	Q. Even if they qualified; correct?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Because it was up to them to decide
13	whether they even wanted to participate in Discovery;
14	correct?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. The bottom line of this model, though,
17	is it correct to say that you you predicted that
18	implementing the Discovery changes would result in
19	the decline in Asian American offers to the
20	specialized high schools by 2.1 percentage points?
21	A. Yes. That's correct. That's a share
22	of the overall offers, correct.
23	Q. And you also projected that the share
24	of overall offers to white students would decline by

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     2.5 percentage points?
 1
 2
            Α.
                   Yes.
 3
            Q.
                   While the share of black and Hispanic
 4
     offers would increase from -- I believe that's
 5
     10.3 percent -- or I'm sorry, no. The top line
 6
     doesn't matter.
 7
                   -- 10.8 percent to 16.6 percent; is
     that correct?
 9
            Α.
                   Yes.
10
            Q.
                   I think we can put this one -- put this
11
     away for now.
12
                   Did you model any other potential
13
     scenarios for Discovery expansion before it was
14
     implemented?
15
            Α.
                   Yes.
16
                   MR. KIESER: Can we put up what has
17
            been marked as Exhibit D? This is
18
            confidential. It's page 5950 of -- Bates
19
            stamp 5950.
20
     BY MR. KIESER:
21
                Are you familiar with this document?
            Q.
22
            Α.
                   Yes.
23
            Ο.
                   Did you -- are the models that are
24
     shown on here, did you run these?
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1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	So looking at the alternative models
3	here, the fir	st two columns are rows are exactly
4	what's shown	on the previous exhibit for 2017,
5	correct, what	actually happened in 2017?
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	The third row down it says: SHSAT
8	offers plus 2	0 percent of seats for Discovery with no
9	ENI floor.	
10		Is that what would have happened had
11	you simply ex	panded Discovery to 20 percent of each
12	school withou	t imposing an ENI floor?
13	Α.	Yes. It's my prediction of what would
14	have happened	l in my model.
15	Q.	And am I correct to say that that model
16	shows no chan	ge in the projected share of black and
17	Hispanic seat	s?
18	Α.	When rounded, correct.
19	Q.	And yeah. They're, obviously, rounded
20	percentages.	
21		And and actually an increase in the
22	percentage of	white students?
23	Α.	Correct.
24	Q.	And this is for specialized schools'
i		

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     offers as a whole, Discovery and SHSAT; correct?
 1
 2
            Α.
                   Correct.
 3
            Q.
                   Now, let's move down to the next
 4
     column. It says: SHSAT offers 20 percent of seats
 5
     with a 40 percent ENI floor.
 6
                   Would I be correct to say that you
 7
     predicted that Asian American enrollment in that
     scenario would be the same -- or I'm sorry, offers,
 9
     not enrollment, would be the same -- I'm sorry.
10
     just want to go off on a slight tangent here.
11
                   Do you have any models that project
12
     yield as who will accept your offers to the
13
     specialized schools?
14
            Α.
                   No.
15
            Q.
                   Okay.
16
                   How do you determine how many seats to
17
     -- how many offers to make when you -- how do you
     determine how many offers to make each year under
18
19
     the -- just for the SHSAT?
20
                   We look at the historical show-up
21
     rates, so of all offers, what percent of kids
22
     actually enrolled at the school. We look at the past
23
     two year's high school and calculate an average of --
24
     of each year.
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 1
                   Is there -- or have there been years
            Q.
 2
     where you invited too many people to -- to a school,
 3
     or too many people accepted offers?
 4
            Α.
                   Most likely, yeah.
 5
                   And does anything happen in that
            Q.
 6
     scenario or they all get -- they still all get to go;
     correct?
            Α.
                   Yes.
 9
            Ο.
                   Okay. Back to this exhibit.
10
                   In the 40 percent ENI floor scenario
11
     you projected that Asian American offers to the
12
     specialized high schools would not fall at all, or
13
     rounded, at least, wise, and that a white share of
14
     the offers would go down by one percentage point;
15
     correct?
16
                   Exactly. Yes.
            Α.
17
            Q.
                   And black and Hispanic share of the
     offers would go up by approximately two percentage
18
19
     points?
20
            Α.
                   Correct.
21
                   And that the 60 percent floor you
     projected that Asian Americans would lose two
22
23
     percentage points of their -- their representation,
24
     white students would lose two percent, rounded, and
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1	black and His	panic students would gain five percent?
2	Α.	Yes.
3	Q.	Thank you.
4		So as you go down and the 80 percent
5	floor, I gues	s I should go through that, too.
6		You projected that Asian Americans
7	would receive	six percentage points fewer offers,
8	white student	s would receive three percentage points
9	fewer offers,	and black and Hispanic students would
10	receive 11 pe	rcentage points more offers?
11	Α.	Yes.
12	Q.	Thank you.
13		So would you agree that as you go down
14	and keep incr	easing the ENI floor, percentage of
15	Asian students offered a seat at the specialized	
16	schools would continue to fall?	
17	Α.	Yes.
18	Q.	Why is that, do you know?
19	Α.	It meant that fewer Asian students were
20	eligible for	the program at the higher level, the
21	highest level	•
22	Q.	I want to show you related to
23	that we mag	y go back to this exhibit but I want to
24	show you Exhi	oit E, which is page 7614. It's

		Page 44
1	a whole?	
2	Α.	Correct.
3	Q.	Thank you.
4		Let's move on to did you also run
5	models	
6		MR. KIESER: You can take the exhibit
7	down.	Thank you.
8	BY MR. KIESE	R:
9	Q.	Did you also run models that projected
10	the racial co	omposition of the Discovery Program alone
11	as a result o	of the 2018 changes?
12	Α.	Most likely, yes.
13	Q.	I'm going to show you what has been
14	marked as Exl	hibit G. This is confidential,
15	5 page 5359.	
16		Would you agree that this is an e-mail
17	that you sen	t in August of 2018?
18	Α.	Yes.
19	Q.	Can you explain what that table is?
20	Α.	So it's comparing the it's comparing
21	some prelimin	nary data on the racial makeup of
22	students who	would be getting into the specialized
23	high schools	through Discovery for the fall of 2018
24	against what	that would have been an under-expanded
I		

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 1
     model.
 2
            Q.
                   When you say -- when you say
 3
     "preliminary data," how is the data preliminary?
 4
                   In what ways was it not final?
 5
                   So it was before -- it was before
            Α.
 6
     actual offers to the specialized high schools would
 7
     have been made, or would have been final for that
 8
     summer. So I assume it was just very, you know, mid
 9
     -- mid-program data.
                   This -- this -- oh, so you're saying
10
            Ο.
11
     the data is for students who were in the Discovery
     Program but hadn't received a final offer to actually
12
13
     attend a specialized high school?
14
                   Yes, based on the title of this column.
            Α.
15
            0.
                   And do most students who complete -- or
16
     do most students who enter the Discovery Program
17
     complete it and receive an offer at the specialized
     high school?
18
19
                   Yes.
            Α.
20
                   Is it almost all of them?
            Ο.
21
            Α.
                   Yes.
22
                   So would it be fair to say that --
            Q.
23
     well, actually, stepping back a second here, when you
24
     say received SHS offers through Discovery, you're --
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1	second column is a is a prediction of what the
2	actual student the actual students who actually
3	participated in Discovery would have been?
4	A. The second column?
5	Q. The second column, yeah, as opposed
6	to as opposed to a prediction of who you would
7	have invited to participate, it's a projection of who
8	actually would?
9	A. No. I think the second column I
10	think this is, like, a little bit of an apples to
11	oranges comparison. The second column would
12	includes kids who would ultimately choose not to
13	participate. So the asterisk says it's data for
14	students who would have been eligible to apply for
15	Discovery but it says it reflects income eligibility
16	or student interest in participating.
17	Q. So when you say would have been
18	eligible to apply, that's based on their SHSAT scores
19	only?
20	A. I believe it was based on the SHSAT
21	score and the ENI percentage.
22	Q. Oh, and the school-level indicator.
23	A. Yeah.
24	Q. Sorry.

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 1
                   And would it be correct to say that
 2
     you -- you anticipated that Discovery -- at least the
 3
     people who you invited to participate in Discovery
 4
     under the new model, the new system, would have been
 5
     53 percent black and Hispanic and 38 percent Asian
 6
     American?
            Α.
                   Yes.
 8
            Q.
                   Had Discovery -- in your time at DOE,
 9
     was Discovery ever a majority black and Hispanic?
10
            Α.
                   Not -- no.
11
            Q.
                   I just wanted to -- the e-mail below
12
     that is from Will Mantell.
13
                   Who is he?
14
            Α.
                   He was the press secretary for the
15
     Department of Education.
16
                   And when he says: C-H, is that an
            Q.
     abbreviation for City Hall?
17
18
            Α.
                   Yes.
19
                   So it was correct that the Mayor's
            Q.
20
     office was asking for this -- this prediction?
21
            Α.
                   Yes.
22
            Q.
                   Thank you.
23
                   I'm going to quickly show you Exhibit
     H, which is page 5174 Bates stamp, also confidential.
24
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                   Do you recognize this as an e-mail that
 1
 2
     you wrote to -- in the middle there, an e-mail that
 3
     you wrote to Will Mantell --
 4
            Α.
                   Yes.
 5
                   -- June 4th, 2018, which would have
            0.
 6
     been one day after the -- the changes were announced,
     I believe?
 8
                   Is that table a result of the same
 9
     model that was in the previous exhibit?
                   Yes. It looks like it.
10
            Α.
11
            Q.
                   Okay.
12
                   You said that the -- the uncertainty of
13
     this model is based on because of -- you don't know
     who would want to participate or who would be
14
     eligible for Discovery?
15
16
                   Right.
            Α.
17
            Q.
                   Were there any other sources of
     uncertainty in the model?
18
19
                   I don't believe so.
20
                   Now I want to move to Exhibit I.
            Ο.
21
     is confidential.
                       It's pages 7467 and 7468 Bates
22
     stamp. The first e-mail there has a missing header,
23
     I believe.
24
                   But would you agree that you -- you
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 1
     wrote that e-mail?
 2
                   You signed it?
 3
            Α.
                   Yes.
            Q.
                   On the first -- okay. I'm sorry.
 5
     Okay.
 6
                   You say -- can you read that -- that
 7
     second paragraph?
 8
                   Even if we expand Discovery and adjust
 9
     the definition, the percentages of students by race
10
     do not change drastically compared to our other
11
     proposals. Asian and white students are similarly
12
     overrepresented. The total black and Hispanic
13
     percentage increases from ten to 18 percent at most,
14
     plus approximately 400 students.
15
                   What -- what do you mean there when --
            Ο.
16
     what did you mean there when you said the Asian and
17
     white students are overrepresented?
18
                   It refers to the fact that compared to
            Α.
     the overall pool of testers, the percent of students
19
20
     who receive an offer were Asian and white is higher.
21
            Q.
                   Okay.
22
                   And which other proposals in the
23
     parenthetical, which other proposals would you --
24
     were you referring to?
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 1
                   I think it was 256 or something like
 2
     that?
 3
            Α.
                   Yes. Correct.
 4
            Q.
                   Good. Yeah. Okay.
                   So the 40 percent floor, would I be
 5
 6
     correct that that reduced -- that was predicted to
 7
     reduce white representation in the Discovery Program
     eligibility pool by ten percentage points?
 9
                   Correct.
10
            Ο.
                   And increase black and Hispanic
11
     representation in the eligibility pool by -- I'm
     trying to do math -- ten percentage points?
12
13
            Α.
                   Correct.
14
            Q.
                   And you projected no change, then,
     if -- if you -- if you went to 40 percent for the
15
16
     Asian proportion?
                   Yes.
17
            Α.
18
                   Now, as you move down to the 60 percent
            Q.
     floor, which was ultimately what was implemented;
19
20
     correct?
21
                   Yes. Yes, that ENI portion of this,
            Α.
22
     yeah.
23
            0.
                   Leaving aside whether this was the
24
     20 percent expansion or not?
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		Page 55
1	A. Corre	ect.
2	Q. You	would agree then that the ENI floor
3	moving to 60 would	decrease Asian American
4	representation in	the eligibility pool by nine
5	percentage points?	
6	A. Yes.	
7	Q. And	increased black and Hispanic
8	representation in	the eligibility pool by 21
9	percentage points?	
10	A. Yes.	
11	Q. And	then, if you were to continue to go
12	down to the 80 perc	cent model, Asian representation in
13	the in the elig:	ibility pool would fall to
14	15 percent and whit	te representation would fall to one
15	percent?	
16	A. Yes.	
17	Q. And	the the number under minimum
18	Discovery cut score	e, how did you how did you come
19	up with that for ea	ach model?
20	A. So wh	nen calculating this model we would
21	have looked at the	lowest score of the students who
22	we would have wh	no we would have considered
23	eligible for the D	Iscovery Program.
24	Q. Would	d those cut scores have been lower,

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     because it was a City-wide average at the time?
 1
 2
                   I can't say if that's why it was
 3
     chosen, but that's part of some of my modeling.
 4
            Q.
                   Let me put up Exhibit M. This is
 5
     page 7235 of the Discovery documents Bates stamp.
 6
                   Do you see the e-mail that you sent
     here to Will Mantell on December 13, 2018?
 8
            Α.
                   Yes.
            Ο.
                   Do you recall that e-mail?
10
            Α.
                   Yes.
11
                   The bottom appears to be cut off, but
            Q.
     read the first sentence there that you wrote.
12
13
                   Internal answer. That was the
14
     City-wide average at the time we modeled this.
15
            0.
                   Read the rest of it, please.
16
            Α.
                   I'm not sure we ever came up with a
17
     good external response. We have found that 60
     percent maintained eligibility for more schools
18
19
     without significantly altering the performance levels
20
     of students entering Discovery. Might need to
21
     connect with Emmy to see if she can remember what we
22
     wanted to say around this at the time.
23
            0.
                   So would it be fair to say that this
     e-mail is your explanation for at least why you
24
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 1
     thought the 60 percent floor was chosen?
 2
            Α.
                   Yes.
 3
            0.
                   And so the internal answer being that
 4
     was the City-wide average at the time.
 5
                   Were you aware that in the updated
 6
     demographic snapshot in 2018 the City-wide average
     ENI jumped more than ten percentage points?
 8
            Α.
                   Yes.
 9
                   Did you ever -- were you ever asked to
10
     model the racial impact of the 60 percent ENI floor
11
     with -- or did you consider -- first of all, did you
12
     consider the ENIs from the 2018 snapshot when you
13
     modeled the changes?
14
            Α.
                   No.
15
            0.
                   Did you know about them at the time you
16
     modeled the changes?
17
            Α.
                   I don't -- I can't recall.
18
            Q.
                   The demographic snapshot, I believe,
     was released in May of 2018, which was before the
19
20
     plan was ultimately announced in June.
21
                   Did anyone ever ask you to model using
22
     the -- the racial impact using the new ENIs,
     City-wide and school ENIs?
23
24
                   No.
            Α.
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1	Q. Did anyone ever ask you, or did you
2	ever have any meetings, or did you ever send any
3	e-mails about why the composition of Discovery was
4	not as much black and Hispanic students as you
5	expected?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And what was the explanation for that?
8	A. I can't recall. I mean, the one thing,
9	like, I know that that was an interim year, so that
10	was a big part of it. But I don't know if we spent
11	too much time trying to figure that out.
12	Q. We discussed earlier with your
13	alternative models of Discovery with the 40 percent,
14	60 percent and 80 percent ENI floor, and I believe
15	you said that you observed that Asian American
16	enrollment or offers to the specialized high
17	schools decreased as you increased the ENI floor;
18	correct?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. So a ten point jump in the City-wide
21	ENI, would you expect that to have an affect on the
22	racial composition of the Discovery Program?
23	A. Yeah. I think it would make more
24	schools and more students eligible, or fall under

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 1
                   Are you aware of that, approximately
 2
     56,000, if I were to tell you that?
 3
            Α.
                   Yeah.
                          That sounds right.
 4
            Q.
                   And then in the next year it dropped by
 5
     about 22,000.
 6
                   Would you agree that that sounds right?
            Α.
                   I am not sure. But if you're saying it
 8
 9
            Ο.
                   The court has taken judicial notice of
10
     the demographic snapshot, but it's such a huge
11
     document that it would be impossible to show. But in
     any event, I was reading off the snapshot. And then
12
13
     it dropped by another 12,000 the next year.
14
                   Were there ever any discussions as to
15
     whether the matching program would have a lasting
16
     affect on ENI or that the City-wide ENI would remain
17
     high?
18
                   I wasn't -- I don't think I was part of
19
     any discussions on ENI in that way.
                   Would you expect as the number of
20
            Q.
21
     students classified as in poverty on the demographic
22
     snapshot falls that ENI would also fall?
23
            Α.
                   Yeah. You would -- I would expect
24
     that.
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1	Q.	So following up on that, it's
2	reasonable to	expect that the City-wide ENI is not a
3	fixed number	that will never change; correct?
4	А.	Correct.
5	Q.	And it's also the calculation of ENI
6	is entirely w	ithin the discretion of the Department
7	of Education;	correct?
8	А.	I'm not sure.
9	Q.	Is the ENI a Department creation or is
10	it an externa	al metric?
11	А.	I only know that the DOE uses it, but I
12	don't know who created it.	
13	Q.	And you're not aware of any proposal to
14	increase the ENI floor to account for the rising	
15	City-wide ave	erage?
16	А.	I'm not aware, no.
17	Q.	I'm going to show you what has been
18	marked as Exh	aibit N. This is an attachment to your
19	Declaration.	
20		Do you remember this?
21	А.	Yes.
22	Q.	What does this show?
23	Α.	I believe this was showing by middle
24	school the nu	mber I'm sorry.

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     this case, that would include -- the number one
 1
 2
     school on that list is Christa McAuliffe, highest
 3
     187?
 4
            Α.
                   Yes.
 5
                   So would you agree that by imposing the
            Q.
 6
     ENI floor, the program renders ineligible --
 7
     disproportionate -- schools disproportionately, which
     had sent a lot of students to the specialized high
 9
     schools in the past?
                   MS. RICHTER: Objection. Objection as
10
            to form.
11
12
                   MR. KIESER: I'll rephrase.
13
     BY MR. KIESER:
14
            Ο.
                   Would you agree that this chart
15
     demonstrates that setting the ENI floor at 60 percent
16
     would exclude a number of Discovery participants
17
     based on who attended schools that sent many people
     to the specialized high schools in the past?
18
19
            Α.
                   Yes.
20
                   We talked earlier about how the average
21
     demographics of a school and over 60 percent ENI are
22
     only nine percent Asian and six percent white.
23
                   Would it surprise you if -- I believe
     every school -- would it surprise you if the majority
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1	of schools on this list were no longer eligible for
2	Discovery have a higher proportion of Asian students
3	than DOE as a whole?
4	MS. RICHTER: Objection. I mean, this
5	is one page of 11 and you're asking her to
6	make all kinds of conclusions about a document
7	that's 11 pages long and lists, you know, over
8	600 schools.
9	MR. KIESER: This first page lists
10	every school that had 17 offers, at least. So
11	I'm asking her to talk about the schools that
12	received the most offers. And I mean, I can
13	go through and we can bring in the demographic
14	snapshot, if you'd like, but I was just asking
15	in general.
16	BY MR. KIESER:
17	Q. Would it surprise you that the schools
18	that were rendered ineligible by the ENI floor are
19	more Asian American than DOE as a whole?
20	A. Can you zoom in to the top part of
21	this?
22	I guess it would not surprise me, no,
23	if that's the case.
24	MR. KIESER: Can we take a ten-minute